

Coffee Break

By Adeline Daley

As if it wasn't bad enough, my being forced to listen to such humor from my older children as, "Why are elephants wrinkled?" Answer: "Did you ever try to iron one?" now I am being tested by our three youngest with jokes from "1001 Laughs for Every Occasion."

Perhaps you didn't know the correct bon mot, appropriate at farewells — "Abyssinia." You do now.

Right now I feel as if our home is just another stop on the "Borsht Circuit," with every one of our kids a stand-up comic. Each age group seems to be represented with a special type of humor, ranging from Kathy in college, down to 6-year-old Jan. Not that I notice too much of a difference, when you have a 20-year-old ask, "What's yellow and walks through walls?"

Answer: "Caspar, the Friendly Banana."

It takes a patient mother not to wince when a teen-ager asks in a similar vein, "What is red and goes dingle-dangle?" Ans: "A red dingle-dangle." "What is blue and goes dingle-dangle?" Ans: "Sorry, they only come in red."

On the junior high school level we have Brian offering, "Mommy, all the kids are calling me a werewolf."

"Quiet, son, just get ready for school. But be sure to brush your teeth and comb your face."

But being veritable newcomers to the game, Diane, Sharon and Jan haven't quite mastered the art of joke-telling in that they feel it necessary to explain every joke.

"Why is the Statue of Liberty's hand only 11 inches?"

Ans: "If it was an inch longer, it'd be a foot." "Do you get it, Mom?" they will ask. "You see, there are 12 inches in a 'foot' . . ."

Diane feels that if a joke is worth telling once, it's worth repeating. If my memory serves me well — and why shouldn't it, I only heard it about 100 times — her favorite is: "Doctor, I feel like I'm turning into a puppy-dog."

Well climb onto the couch and I'll examine you.

"I can't. I'm not allowed on the furniture."

Somehow, of all the jokes, I prefer Jan's, perhaps because she supplies her own punch lines. For example, the one-liner, "I opened the door and influenza." Jan has revised to, "I opened the door and Enza came in."

Also, "Why does the Easter Bunny hop on its toes?"

Jan's reply: "Because if he didn't, he'd be a Christmas bunny."

That'll start you thinking.

Friends Say 'Ballet' Is Farewell at Dinner Party Topic for Alpha Beta

Ruth Circle of the First Methodist Church honored one of its members, Mrs. W. A. Whittington, at a farewell dinner party last Thursday evening at the Velvet Turtle.

Mr. and Mrs. Whittington, long time residents of Torrance, are moving to their former home, Xenia, Ohio. Mr. Whittington retired recently from Standard Oil Co.

Attending the dinner party were Meses. Olivia Adloff, Hilda Betts, Jean Bower, Mary Cardwell, Nellie Gray, Maude Hestwood, Zelma Keefer, Audrey Kirks.

Also, Meses. Viola Kron-dak, Maude Obarr, Alice Palmer, Clarice Pol'eck, Evalyn Schwab, Hazel Santo, Mildred Speck and Reta Miller.

The Ruth Circle will hold its next meeting at the Aca-cia Avenue home of Mrs. M. M. Schwab on May 4.

Son Welcomed by G. E. Hakansons

Lt. and Mrs. Gary E. Hakanson of CNAF Point Mugu, Calif., announce the birth of a son on April 6. The young man has been named Todd Evan.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Hakanson, 2720 Gramercy, Torrance, and Mr. and Mrs. Preston Holton of Beeville, Tex.

Members of Preceptor Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi sorority met Monday evening, April 10, at 8 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Harold Collins, 1128 W. 160th St., Gardena.

Mrs. Collins conducted the program on "Ballet." A business meeting was conducted by Mrs. Blanche McCallum, president.

Preceptor Alpha Beta members have accepted an invitation to attend the evening meeting of Alpha Omega chapter of Beta Sigma Phi April 17th in the home of Mrs. Evelyn Downs, 5404 Michele Dr., Torrance.

Plans are also being made for members to attend the Beta Sigma Phi Workshop April 20 to be held in the St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 1432 Engracia, Torrance.

Members attending the April 10 meeting were Meses. Andrew Foster, Eugene Olson, Sidney Lemberger, Dominick Nardelli, Gardena; Robert Nickelson, Palos Verdes Estates; Louis Below, Inglewood; Lester Mayfield, and John Wise, Lawndale; Raymond Millhouse and Mrs. Frances Nichols, Hawthorne; Mrs. Blanche McCallum and Miss Martha Oehlerking, Torrance.



PLANNING BIG THINGS

They may be caught up in this tiny house but these new officers of the Women's Society of Christain Service of the First Methodist Church are planning big things. They are; from left, front, Meses Eidon Fish, president; Leon Taylor, secretary, Dick Wolverson, vice-president; and Bruce Smith, treasurer. They were installed by Mrs. Robert Hutchins, district WSCS vice-president, at a luncheon on April 13. Others taking office were Meses Richard Brown, Arthur Barker, Ben Roseman, Vic Kron-dak, Samuel Hilburn, Gary Tiernan, Richard Belden, Arthur Nagel, Paul Smith, Russell Paxton, Loren Bainbridge, Vincent Moretti, Maud Obarr and Ray Peterson. Mrs. Russell Paxton, retiring president, was presented with a gift.

For Fellowship Fund Wine Tasting Party Planned by AAUW

Members of the Manhattan Beach Branch of the American Association of University Women will stage a Wine Tasting Party at the Indian Village, 4020 Pacific Coast Highway, Torrance. The event will be held Friday, April 14, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Mrs. Michael Lotocky, Fellowships Chairman, announces that all proceeds will go into the Fellowship program, which aids graduate women scholars in advanced study and research.

Fifty-one American and fifty-three International Fellowships have been awarded for the current year. These women received grants of \$3,000 to \$5,000. Three California women, who received current Fellowships are: Mrs. Sara I. Berry of Pasadena, a doctoral candidate, studying Economics at the University of Michigan; Nora Josephson of Palo Alto, doing post-doctoral research in physics at the California Institute of Technology and Stanford University; and Mrs. Mei Liang Oei Kato of Los Angeles, a doctoral candidate at UCLA, studying Industrial Relations at the Netherlands Institute in Netherlands.

Any woman who holds a doctorate or who has fulfilled all doctoral requirements except the dissertation is eligible to apply for a Fellowship. Applications will be accepted after Aug. 1.

Ticket information for the Wine-Tasting event may be obtained by calling Mrs. Michael Lotocky or Mrs. Orlando Tafoya, Branch President.

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B'nai B'rith Women Will Open New Year

Mrs. Sheldon D. Kaplan, newly-installed president of B'nai B'rith Women, Southview Chapter will preside when the chapter meets on Wednesday, April 19, at 8 p.m. at the Gold Room of Temple Menorah, 1101 Camino Real, Redondo Beach.

Mrs. Kaplan will present her chairmen for the coming year to the membership. Also, those who received awards at the installation of officers will be introduced. They are Mrs. Harold Chertock, Mrs. Eugene Kushnick, and Mrs. Joseph Sperling, who received distinguished service certificates and Mrs. Joseph E. Bishop and Mrs. Harry Gold-

fen who received merit pins. The budget for the new fiscal year will be voted upon.

The program portion of the meeting will be devoted to the Passover Holiday. A short talk will be given by the Adult Jewish Education Chairman. A social hour and refreshments will follow the meeting. The refreshment table will have a Passover plate as its centerpiece and have as its theme "a fruitful year."

Hostesses for the evening will be Meses. Arthur Novom, Joseph Sperling, Bernard Weiss, and Joseph Zahn. The meeting is open to the public and guests are welcome.

Dr. Broyles To Address Parent Club

Monthly meeting of the Inglewood-South Bay Chapter of Parents without Partners will be held Friday, April 14, at 8 p.m. at the Fortune Party Room, 15500 S. Western Ave., Gardena.

The speaker will be Dr. Rex A. Broyles, a graduate of Kalamazoo College, Mich. He received his doctorate from Columbia University, New York; Dr. Broyles will speak on "Expanding the Possible," bringing a dynamic glimpse of ways to more effectively use latent abilities and potentials.

The business meeting, conducted by President Don Whippo, will be followed by an orientation program and a special including dancing and refreshments.

Any widowed or divorced parent wishing to obtain more information about this national organization may do so by writing to P. O. Box 3222, Inglewood, California, or by calling membership chairman, Betty Morrison, or secretary, Dorothy Hammer.

Dianas Name 'Citizen'; Donate Library Books

Redondo Beach Dianas announce that Mrs. Raymond Williams, Health Chairman and Recording Secretary, is "Citizen of the Year." Mrs. Williams will be the Dianas' entrant in the Marina District competition.

Other activities include the donation of paperback books to the Chaplain Service Corps. This Chaplain Service Corps has had multiple requests for jig saw puzzles, small games and paperback books which the servicemen use to pass their leisure time. The address of the Chaplain Service Corps is 4128 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif. 90006.

Another Diana recipient of 2,242 magazines, 1,907 paperback books and puzzles is the Merchant Marine Library Association. This is a public library of the high seas. The materials are taken to ships in the San Pedro harbor.

The Dianas were hostess at a friendship party for young adults given by the

Southwest Association for Retarded Children on March 10. They made and served refreshments and provided door prizes for the event held at the Columbia School in Hawthorne.

The Dianas are affiliated with the California Federated Women's Club, Marina District, Junior Membership.

Dinner-Dance

Serra Padre Lodge 232 of the Order of Italian Sons and Daughters of America will stage a ham dinner and Dance on Saturday, April 22 at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall in Gardena.

Dinner will be served from 5:30 p.m. until 8:30. Dancing to music furnished by the Mike De Mille Combo will begin at 9 p.m.

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